GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
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Production of Pulses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of pulses in the country has been affected due to drought during the last two consecutive years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of pulses;

(c) the number of States where the National Food Security Mission is being implemented; and

(d) the allocation made for increasing pulses programme for the FY 2016-17?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

(a): Yes Madam, the production of pulses during last two years in the country has been recorded as 17.15 million tonnes and 16.47 million tonnes during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (4th advance estimates) respectively, as compared to previous record of 19.25 million tonnes during 2013-14. State-wise and year-wise total production of pulses is given at Annexure-I.

(b): Following major initiatives have been undertaken for increasing production of pulses:
i. Increased allocation of funds from total allocation of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for NFSM- Pulses during 2016-17.
ii. Distribution of certified seeds of less than 10 years old varieties as seed minikits of pulses, free of cost, to farmers for faster adoption of newer varieties of pulses.
iii. Additional area coverage under cultivation of pulses through inter-cropping with food & commercial crops and promotion of arhar on rice Bunds.
iv. More area coverage under pulses cultivation in rice fallow area in Eastern States under NFSM and Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI).
v. Additional allocation for increasing pulses production during rabi and Summer season.
vi. Enhancement of production of breeder seeds of pulses through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes and State Agriculture Universities (SAUs).
vii. Creation of seed hubs of pulses at ICAR institutes/SAUs/KVKs for sustainable seed production.
viii. Cluster frontline demonstrations on pulses has been organised through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).
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ix. 15% allocation of pulses component of NFSM is earmarked for production of quality seeds of pulses.

(c): In order to increase the production of pulses, National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) is being implemented in 29 states of the country, viz. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

(d): The allocation of funds for increasing pulses production under NFSM is given at Annexure-II. Besides States, the support is also given to Central Seed producing agencies viz, National Seeds Corporation (NSC), Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), etc. for distribution and production of certified seed and distribution of seed minikits free of cost directly by Government of India (GOI). The support is also given to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to facilitate the conduct of strategic adaptive research, address various research issues and gaps of potential yield and yield realized at farmers' field of food crops.